

# Above and beyond the call of duty

The results from our October inspection are in, proving the 179<sup>th</sup> is ready. Each of you did an above and beyond job of demonstrating our readiness.

I couldn't be more pleased with the result and thank you all for a job well done. As we move forward and onto our next challenge please take time to relax and enjoy the upcoming holiday season with your family.

One great way to celebrate the season is to attend the Annual Family Support Christmas Party for the kids at the Mansfield Carousel. It is always a fun evening with Santa, gifts for the children and, of course, the carousel rides.

A lot of amazing things have happened at the 179th during the past year. There was a great response to the events of Sept. 11. and each of you answered the call as Guardsmen have done since the early days of our country. You are still answering that call every day.

Harrington Memorial Road moved eastward, giving us more space so we will soon be able to park on base. In addition, we will soon see a ribbon-cutting for our new operations and communications buildings. It's a well designed facility that will finally enable



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our folks to work in spaces that were designed for their function.

A big thanks to everyone who participated in the design, and soon to come move, and especially our civil engineering team, under the inspiring command of Lt. Col Jay Williams.

Williams and his team are doing an absolutely fantastic job which the inspector general noted during their visit.

I can't forget our one of a kind communications team. They have a really big job ahead but I am confident

their transition will happen seamlessly and quickly.

On Nov. 2, we also had our annual awards banquet where we announced our Airman, NCO, Senior NCO, 1st Sergeant and Junior Officer of the Year winners. What a great bunch of nominees and winners!

These recipients made a positive difference not only here at the wing, but in their civilian jobs, in their communities and at home. Congratulations to all.

We also took a little time to recognize a few of our local businesses that do a great job of supporting our unit. These companies include the Gorman-Rupp Company and Universal Digital Communications.

A big thanks to all the folks that organized our banquet. Please take a few minutes to thank them for the super job they did of making that event a success.

Finally, if you keep up with world events you know that Saddam Hussein's response to the UN resolutions will in large part dictate what many of us may be doing in the months to come.

I truly believe we are ready to answer that call and do what our country asks. Together we succeeded and will continue to succeed! Happy holidays.

## Accomplishment through teamwork and mutual respect

**By Chaplain Keith Bohley**

It feels great to be on this side of the inspection and to be able to rejoice in a job well done. With Thanksgiving just passed and Christmas on the way it is a season more than any other to give thanks for our many blessings.

With those thoughts in mind I am drawn to some comments made by Solomon (one of the wisest men of his time or any) in the book of Ecclesiastes.

He stated: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

It is a great blessing to know that in this unit we don't stand-alone. We are members of a great team. We serve a great nation. We are one nation under God. What we accomplish in the 179th is through mutual support and respect.

I hope you have found many reasons in this past year to be thankful. I know one of mine is the opportunity to serve with all of you in this great unit.

May your blessings continue to be abundant.